

## NATIONWIDE SEARCH ON FOR KIDNAPED HEIRESS

### Epidemic Is Called 'Disaster'

#### Flu May Be Worse In January

By Associated Press  
The American Red Cross calls the nationwide influenza epidemic a "disaster situation," and the health commissioner in the hardest-hit city—New York—predicts it will be even worse there by New Year's Day.

Health Commissioner Edward O'Rourke estimated Tuesday that 500,000 New Yorkers—one in every 16—had recovered from the flu in the past two weeks.

O'Rourke said 300,000 persons were currently in the most critical stage of the disease. And he predicted that the city's epidemic would peak during the first week in January, probably around the start of the new year.

**MORE OUTBREAKS**  
Meanwhile, reports of outbreaks of respiratory illnesses including Hong Kong flu continued to come from all sections of the country.

The Red Cross asked its chapters to provide workers and supplies to hospitals, schools and nursing homes. Hospitals throughout the country restricting visits in order to avoid exposing patients to the flu virus. Many public schools and colleges were closing early because of high incidences of respiratory disease.

A Health Department official in Allegheny County, Pa., where Pittsburgh is located, said the Hong Kong flu had reached "epidemic proportions" in the county.

School absenteeism in some districts was as high as 30 per cent, the official said.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was still suffering from the flu Tuesday in Phoenix, Ariz., and was expected to remain there another day.

Schools and businesses in Phoenix reported absenteeism running 20 per cent above normal. More than 8,000 students were absent in the 28,000-student Phoenix Union high school district.

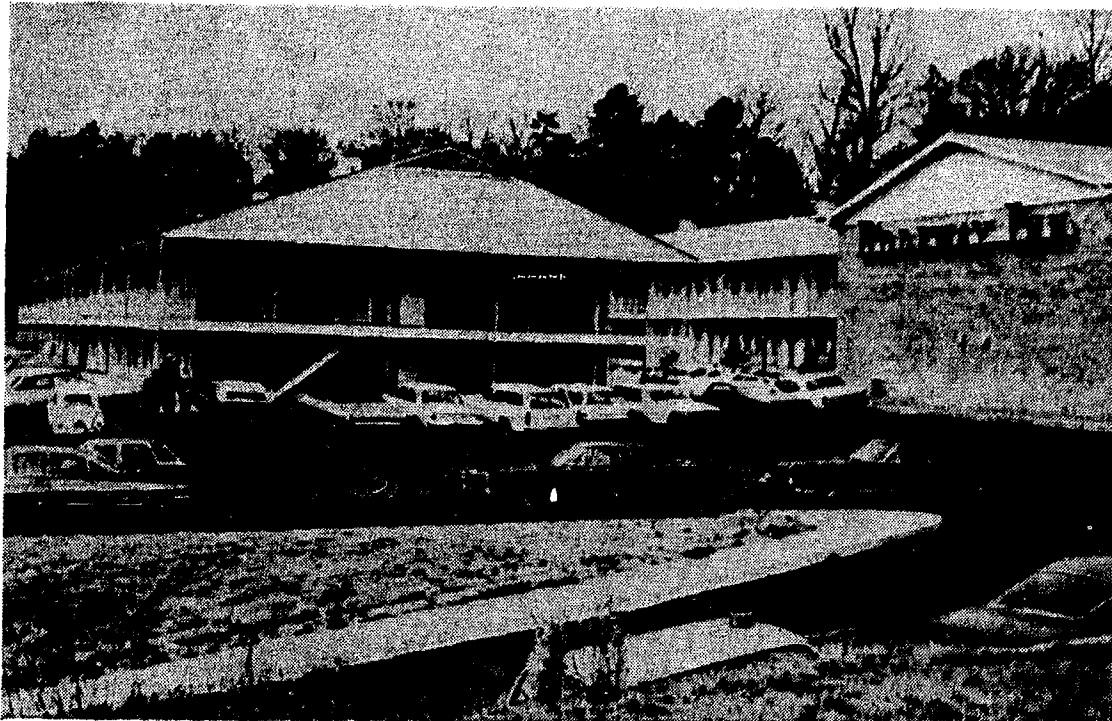
Reported flu cases in New Mexico increased to more than 4,400 during the past week, compared with 1,800 the week before.

One influenza death was reported in Milwaukee, Wis. The health commissioner there also said there had been 17 pneumonia deaths in the first half of December, compared with seven in the same period last year.

Absences at some schools in Seattle, Wash., were reported as high as 22 per cent. Absenteeism in public schools in Detroit, Mich., was reported at 17 per cent of enrollment, double the normal rate.

**FLU VACCINE SCARCE**  
Eighty thousand doses of scarce Hong Kong flu vaccine arrived at the New York City

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**KIDNAP SCENE:** Police officials enter front unit of the Rodeway Inn near Emory University in Atlanta from where Barbara Jane Mackle, 20, daughter of a wealthy Florida land developer, was kid-

napped in her nightgown early Tuesday morning. Police officials refused to identify the room from which she was abducted, however. (AP Wirephoto)

### Daughter Of Millionaire Abducted

#### Police Keep Mum About Atlanta Case

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Where is Barbara Jane Mackle? That question went unanswered today as federal agents led a nationwide search for the 20-year-old coed kidnaped from her sickbed at a motel near the Emory University campus.

The whereabouts of her multimillionaire parents also remained a mystery as officials—both local and federal—refused comment on the case.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Robert F. Mackle of Coral Gables, Fla., told De Kalb County police that Barbara was kidnaped about 4 a.m. Tuesday by a young gunman and boy accomplice, about 12.

A police arrest order was put out for persons fitting the descriptions given by the mother.

#### KIDNAPED IN GOWN

Mrs. Mackle said she was held at gunpoint, chloroformed and then tied up by the boy while the daughter was taken from the room into subfreezing weather in her nightgown.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackle, members of a nationally prominent land development family, were last seen about 16 hours after the abduction was reported. Accompanied by FBI agents, the Mackles were riding in a car about the terminal area of the Atlanta airport.

"I don't think there's any reason to think anything will happen in the next few hours," said a De Kalb County captain wearily as the first 24 hours of the investigation drew to a close.

County detectives at first planned a through-the-night vigil, awaiting possible developments. In the early morning hours, however, the detectives conferred further and decided to go home, planning to resume their investigation a few hours later.

Neither police nor federal agents reported any leads in the case.

An Emory official said Barbara had been ill with the flu or a similar ailment for several days and had been staying with her mother at the motel in northeast Atlanta.

The father, secretary-treasurer of Deltona Corp., a \$65-million homebuilding business in Miami, entered Mrs. Mackle's motel room with another man about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The couple left the motel at 7:12 p.m. and drove to the airport.

An FBI agent, Jack Keith, said the couple would spend the night where they could get "some rest, a little peace and quiet."

#### CITY BUILDERS

Mackle, 56, and his brothers, Frank Jr. and Elliott, pioneered the building of large, pre-planned communities in Florida. The projects have attracted

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**REPORTED KIDNAPED:** Barbara Mackle, 20, daughter of millionaire home-builder Robert Mackle, of Miami, Fla., was reported by her mother to have been kidnaped from an Atlanta, Ga., motel Tuesday. Barbara is a junior at Emory University in Atlanta. Mrs. Mackle told De Kalb county police her daughter was kidnaped by two persons with a shotgun. (AP Wirephoto)

## Herman H. Gersonde Dies In 2-Car Crash

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### Stevensville Woman Hurt

Herman H. Gersonde, 66, well-known Twin City area businessman and civic worker, was killed yesterday in a two-vehicle crash on US-33, Benton township.

Benton sheriff's officers said Gersonde's station wagon collided head-on with a car driven by Mrs. Maria A. Jannings, 26, of 5841 Longhorn drive, Stevensville. She was reported in poor condition this morning at St. Joseph Memorial hospital.

A car-dump truck crash, less than one-fourth mile away, earlier yesterday injured Mrs. Johanna M. Backus, 42, of route 2, Benton Harbor. She was reported in fairly good condition at the intensive care unit of Memorial.

The accidents last night prompted the Benton township board of trustees to ask the State Highway department to make a safety study of US-33 between Rocky Gap road and Park drive.



HERMAN H. GERSONDE

Gersonde was dead on arrival at 6 p.m. at Memorial hospital with a crushed chest and ruptured aorta after the collision 75 feet south of Park. Sheriff's Cpl. John Gillespie said an autopsy would be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Gillespie said Gersonde's sta-

tion wagon crossed the center line and collided with the car driven by Mrs. Jannings. She sustained severe head injuries and multiple contusions and abrasions about the arms, legs and body.

Another driver, Thomas Wack, of route 1, Stevensville, told Gillespie he had to pull off the road to avoid being hit by the station wagon. He was driving a vehicle in front of Mrs. Jannings.

About three hours earlier, the car driven by Mrs. Backus collided with a dump truck driven by Jimmy H. Crowder, 23, of 270 Brunson avenue, Benton Harbor, according to Benton township police.

Patrolman Henry Lingle said the accident occurred when the truck, owned by J.V. Burkett, pulled out of a construction zone driveway into the path of the car, one-eighth mile north of Rocky Gap road.

Crowder was issued a summons for failure to yield the right of way and for not having a chauffeur's license.

The stretch of road where the two accidents occurred is the start of a two-lane highway. The four-lane highway north of



ROBERT MACKLE  
Kidnaped Girl's Father

St. Joseph ends at the Rocky Gap road and North Shore drive intersection.

The township board of trustees recommended a study of the road for a reduction of speed or the installation of a (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)

### Lions Will Interrupt Sale For Funeral

Members of the St. Joseph Lions club will interrupt their Good Fellow Newsie sale Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 to attend the funeral of Herman Gersonde, a past president of the club and veteran of many Newsie sales. Mr. Gersonde also was a past state governor of Lions International. He was killed Tuesday in a traffic accident.

The Lakeshore Lions club, which conducts the sale jointly with St. Joseph, will continue without interruption.

## Small In Size, Noble In Purpose

### Mini-Edition To Be Sold By Newsies Friday

The smallest edition ever published of this newspaper will be about the biggest Christmas card you'll ever get.

That's the 1968 Good Fellow edition which will be sold on the streets Friday by the St. Joseph and Lakeshore Lions clubs.

It's a festive four-page tabloid with a noble purpose—raising money to supply the Christmas wants for those who otherwise would spend a bleak day when there is supposed to be "Joy to the World."

The mini-edition is the first of its kind published during the many years of Good Fellow Newsie sales. The papers formerly sold by the Newsies were standard size. The 1968 publication can be a souvenir of your generosity.

## Santa Getting Plenty Of Help

### But Good Fellow Goal Still Far Away

Many hands make light work and while that is the theme of the whole Good Fellows Christmas fund drive today's \$31.12 has some especially good examples.

The total to date is \$1,445.62 and right now we need a lot of hands to push us closer to the \$3,500 goal.

Today's contributions includes \$5.12 from the Old Tryon Mothers club. The ladies had a Christmas party and one thing they did was to pack baskets for the needy in the area. They had this \$5.12 left so it went into the Good Fellow fund.

#### ANOTHER WILL HEAR

The next gift comes without a word but we all know no sermon can match it in sincerity. Every year about this time a Deaf Mute Friend brings in \$1 that will go into the fund so some little girl can sing a lullaby to a baby doll gift.

Chikaming teacher adds \$5 to the fund. Teachers in so many instances have helped out the Good Fellows.

#### TWO MEMORIALS

There are two memorials in today's list.

One is in loving memory of Chester Rau and the other is in memory of Hank Richter. Both are for \$10.

#### BUSY DAYS AHEAD

The next seven days will be the busiest of the whole Christmas season. But busy or not, the Good Fellows have a lot of work to do and many hands will make it easy for everyone.

Here is the list of helpers to date:

Spirit of Christmas	\$ 5.00
Holiday Football	10.00
Sanitary Cleaners	65.00
Friendly Dentist	10.00
(football bet)	1.00
Kathy Kemp's Continental Beauty Salon	10.00
U of M (WJJB) vs. MSU (WBL)	10.00
Toni's cooks	10.00
(U M vs. Minn.)	10.00
Killian and Kovian bet	10.00
Beseda Club, Stevensville	5.00
Frank Bard, Union Pier	10.00
David Bard, Union Pier	10.00
Twin Cities Area Newcomers club	10.00
Illinois—U of M bet	5.00
Girl Friend of	

### THE HERALD-PRESS GOODFELLOW FUND



Good Fellows	10.00
Members of World War II Victory Chapter Unit 1	5.00
In Memory of Craig Wenzlaff	5.00
Women's Section	5.00
Ann Landers	15.00
Robert L. Findling, Realtor	10.00
The Herald-Press	100.00
St. Joseph Lodge, BPOE No. 511	100.00
Blossomland Auxiliary	5.00
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**DRIVER DIES IN HEAD-ON CRASH:** Herman H. Gersonde, 66, of route 2, Coloma, was killed yesterday when his station wagon collided with a car on US-33 north of Park drive. Driver of the car, Mrs.

Maria A. Jannings, 26, of Stevensville, was admitted to Memorial hospital with head and body injuries. (Staff photo)

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Editorial Page

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# The Annual Guessing Game

American families are far more optimistic about business conditions than they were during the summer or last year at this time, but they are maintaining a cautious attitude regarding spending. So says the National Industrial Conference Board on the basis of a nationwide survey of 10,000 representative families.

A well regarded business letter puts it another way. "Business confidence is high and rising," it says, "but consumer attitudes are more cautious and fading. . . Over the near term ebullient business attitudes will keep the economy buoyant. But unless consumers start pulling their weight too, the boom could well slow down more than previously expected."

Christmas sales point to the usual annual new record, but the purchasing power of the nation's rank-and-file workers declined in October from the record level of the previous months.

Economic forecasting at best is a chancy thing, and this year the economists are perhaps more divided than usual. In a press conference on Dec. 11, Henry Ford II noted that there has been "a great deal of disagreement" among the experts about the current situation and its implications for 1969. The imminent takeover of a new administration, whose economic policies are still obscure, has complicated forecasting, he said.

Even among President-elect

Richard M. Nixon's own closest economic advisers, policy is divided. Pierre Rinfret, a principal campaign adviser, says that taxes may have to be raised. In Finance he also writes: "Richard Nixon has stated time and time again that he believes in full employment and compensatory federal spending. The assertion that Nixon would trade off inflation for a noticeable rise in unemployment is irresponsible."

Arthur Burns, the first chairman of President Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers, calls inflation Nixon's "most pressing problem." In a post-election interview he said that Nixon may be able to repeal "or at least reduce" the Johnson administration's 10 per cent Viet Nam surtax, slated to expire next June 30.

Prof. Milton Friedman of the University of Chicago is "very doubtful" that Nixon can halt inflation and at the same time maintain full employment. Alan Greenspan, a New York economic aide of Nixon, in mid-October predicted that Nixon would "be willing to take slightly more unemployment" to halt inflation. Burns later said: "This world of ours won't accept anything but a full employment policy."

The Business Council, an organization made up of top executives, on Oct. 18 agreed that one of the hardest jobs to face the next President would be to fight inflation. Paul McCracken, the 53-year-old University of Michigan professor whom Nixon has designated as the chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers, advises against ambitious attempts to "fine tune" the economy by tax rates.

As of Dec. 11, the Labor Department announced that the unemployment rate had dropped to 3.3 per cent of the labor force, the lowest level in 15 years, indicating continued great strength in the economy. Other statistics usually considered dependable economic indicators continue to be high. Those who predicted a slowdown after the beginning of 1969 are starting to be embarrassed, but it's still anybody's ball game.

# New Crop Of Clowns

Venice, Fla., is the site of one of the more unusual schools. Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey is conducting a clown school in Venice, and the enrollment in the first class is most enlightening. Ringling had room for only 30 freshmen for its first six-week session. It received more than 300 applications.

This is good news for circus buffs who feared that one of the favorites of any circus, the clown, was about to die an untimely death. Ringling started the school for clowns out of necessity. Clown ranks have been declining, with many of the active ones in their 50s and no young ones coming along to learn the trade.

Ironically, circuses are staging a dramatic comeback at the very time their clowns are on the decline. Ringling expects to do 50 per cent more business in 1969 than in 1968, but its clown staff has dropped from 20 to 17 in recent years.

What manner of person wants to be a clown? All kinds, judging by the enrollees in the clown school. There is a school teacher from California, a hippie from Tennessee and an air conditioner repairman from Michigan in the first class.

Some of the new clowns always wanted to be in a circus. Others have more original reasons. Don Hoepner, a professional actor, says he is doing it because clowns never made him laugh. "I want to try to do it better," says Hoepner, the holder of a master's degree.

Graduate clowns will make about \$150 a week and pay their own living and traveling expenses. Obviously there is something about the sawdust trail other than riches which beckons the young in heart of all ages.

Sharks excel all fish in jaw power. Biting pressure has been measured at a crunching 18 tons per square inch, the National Geographic says.

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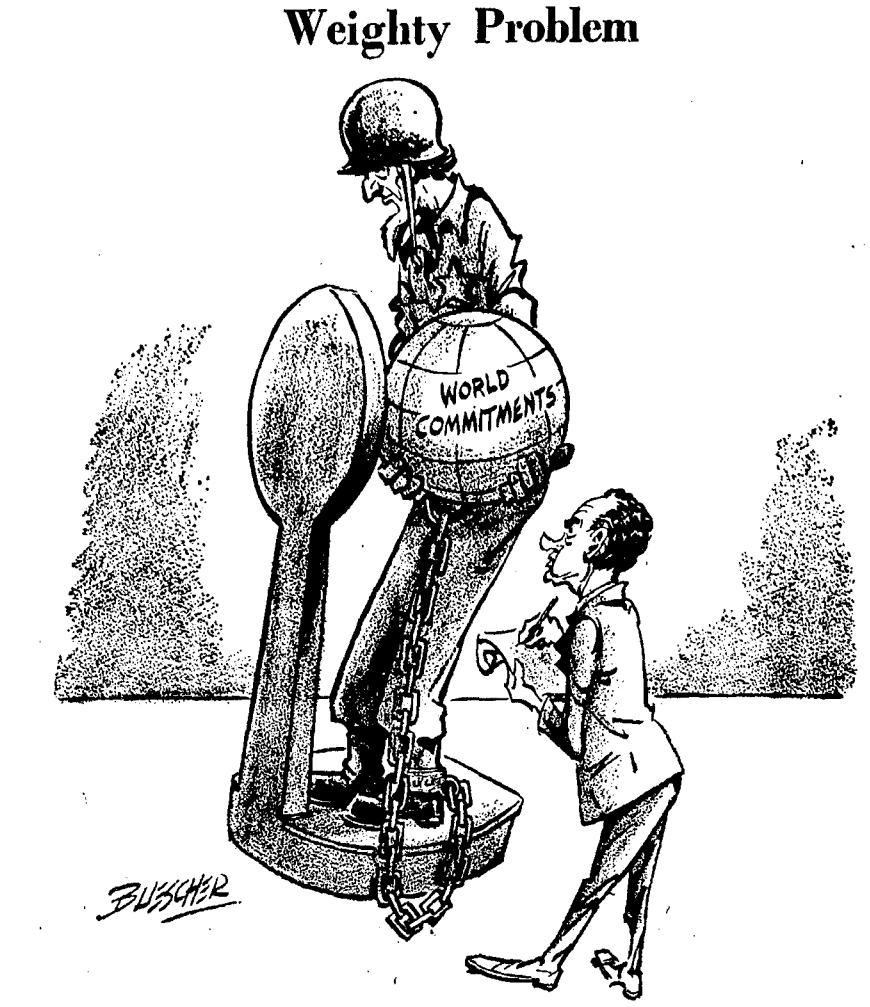
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# GLANCING BACKWARDS

**DAILY FLIGHTS BEGIN TO DETROIT**

—1 Year Ago—  
Detroit will be only 50 minutes away when a nine-passenger airplane begins non-stop flights next month between Ross airport and the Detroit Metropolitan airport, Gene Cramer, owner of Cramer Aviation Center, Inc., has announced. Plans have been worked out to provide two round trips daily, Monday through Friday, with a tentative starting date of Jan. 15.

The airline will be backed up by local businessmen who are setting up a corporation to purchase the nine-passenger Beechcraft, a twin-engine plane.

**WINS CONTEST FOR CHERRY PIE**

—10 Years Ago—  
Sandra Kay Weberling, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weberling of Baroda, is the Lakeshore high school cherry pie winner for 1958. Sandra, a second-year home economics student, was judged best from eight girls competing in the annual bake-off held recently at the high school under the supervision of Mrs. William McCrath, home economics teacher.

Runner-up was Beverly Hucko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hucko of Stevensville. Other girls competing were Pat Plumley, Pat Jones, Merilee McCoy, Betty Sabin, Margaret Hauch and Marybeth Wurtz. Judges were Mrs. Arthur Ondrus and Mrs. Howard

**WILLIAM RITT**

**You're Telling Me!**

President-elect Nixon says one of his regrets is that he gave up taking piano lessons a long time ago. That shouldn't bother him too much because, even so, he's managed pretty well to keep in tune with the times.

With or without a piano in the White House, says Aitch Kay, after Jan. 20 Nixon will just have to face the music.

A Moscow magazine, published by the Soviet Department of Agriculture, complains U.S. comic strips are slanted against the Reds. What's this? — are Comies really afraid the jokes are on them?

# HENRY CATHCART

## Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — During the campaign, President-elect Richard M. Nixon expressed the view that some of the federal regulatory agencies were too tough on industries under the jurisdiction, and he wanted to give business a larger voice in how government handled them.

Nixon's remarks were made first in a letter to stockbrokers, referring to the Securities and Exchange Commission, but other industries have assumed he would apply the same principle to the agencies which regulate them.

Some of the "trade" associations which represent these businesses in Washington are taking Mr. Nixon at his word. Their spokesmen are speculating in communications to their membership on the new thrust that will be injected into the

**LIQUOR RESTRICTED**

—35 Years Ago—  
Liquor by the glass will be illegal in the twin cities, at least until after Christmas. Those desiring this form of cheer will have to buy it in packages or carry their own.

**HAS RESIGNED**

—45 Years Ago—  
Joseph E. Crumb has resigned as baggageman at the Pere Marquette depot and the vacancy has been filled by Henry P. King, formerly warehouseman.

**CHRISTMAS BILLBOARDS**

Pictures bearing out the Christmas theme have been posted on billboards throughout the city.

**GREAT QUESTION**

—71 Years Ago—  
The great question at present is "Is the Tavern to be removed or not?"

# RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**

- What was the title of the rulers of the Venetian Republic?
- Who was Maximilien Francois Marie Isidore de Robespierre?
- What Italian patriot helped bring about the unification of Italy by military means?
- Who was the composer who ruled England between 1649 and 1687?
- Who was King of France at the outbreak of the French Revolution?

**BORN TODAY**

Few men in sports ever have been as widely disliked as Ty Cobb, but few, if any, have been as great on the baseball diamond. Cobb knew only one way to play—all out and don't get in his way.

He lacked the power of Babe Ruth (who many others call the game's greatest) or the grace of Tris Speaker, yet when the Baseball Hall of Fame was opened in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1939, the first memento hung in the museum was a pair of his baseball shoes with the flashing spikes.

Cobb was born in 1886, on a country estate in Narrow Banks County, Georgia. His father, W.H. Cobb, was a wealthy man and a state senator.

When he was 17, Cobb left home to play baseball. He spent less than two years in the minors and joined the Tigers late in 1905. Before long he was boasting: "I'm a better ball-player now than you'll ever be" to his teammates.

By 1907, he was proving his boasts. He hit .350 that season and from then until he quit in 1928, his average never fell below .323. He always felt his two best years were 1911 and 1912 when he hit .420 and .410 respectively.

In 1912, Cobb caused a mass player strike when he was suspended indefinitely by the league president for attacking a heckler in the stands. The rest of the team walked off in support of Cobb.

During World War I he worked his way up to rank of captain in the Army. He became a playing manager in 1921 and resigned as manager after 1926. He played two more years with the A's before retiring.

During the last few years of his life, he was stricken with cancer. Someone asked him what he thought he could hit against modern pitchers and Cobb said, "I guess around .300." When the questioner replied "Is that all?" Cobb shot back, "Well, you have got to remember that I'm 73 years old."

Others born today include Abe Burrows, Betty Grable, Willy Brandt.

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**

On this day in 1796, the Baltimore Monitor became the first newspaper to appear on Sunday.

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**

SERVILE — (SUR-vil) — Adjective: slavishly submissive or obsequious.

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

A rope-walker is known as a funambulist.

**YOUR FUTURE**

Yours is indeed a fortunate and happy birthday. Today's child will be of a kind, gentle sympathetic nature.

**HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?**

- Doge of Venice.
- French Revolution leader.
- Giribaldi.
- Oliver Cromwell.
- Louis XVI.

# DR. COLEMAN

## ... And Speaking Of Your Health

How is trench mouth acquired? Is it considered to be a venereal disease?

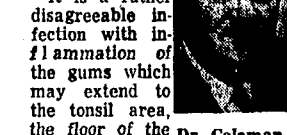
Trench mouth is the common term used for a medical condition known as Vincent's angina. It is caused by a germ known as the fusiform bacillus which can be passed from one person to another by kissing or by the use of a common glass or eating utensil.

It is a rather disagreeable infection with inflammation of the gums which may extend to the tonsil area, the floor of the mouth and the linings of the cheeks. The fact that it is contagious when passed on from person to person by direct contact does not mean that it is a venereal disease such as syphilis or gonorrhea. A venereal disease is one that is acquired as a result of sexual contact with one who is afflicted with the condition.

Trench mouth usually begins with a mild fever and a general feeling of being washed out and tired. The swelling and redness and pain in the gums is associated with bleeding on pressure and a foul odor to the breath. The glands of the neck may become enlarged and tender, especially when there is a secondary infection on top of the original condition.

Poor dental hygiene is probably one of the ways to invite this type of infection. Only occasionally are vitamin deficiencies and nutritional disturbances a cause. Treatment is directed to relieving the painful symptoms while antibiotics are used intensively to destroy the germ. Consultation with a dentist after the acute phase has subsided may uncover areas and pockets that may house the cause of its germ.

What is the easiest way to stop a hiccup?



There are dozens of ways to stop them. Everyone has his own particular method that is handed down from generation to generation. If left alone, in most instances, they stop of their own accord.

Breathing into a paper bag that is held over the nose and mouth will interrupt the cycle. Drinking an entire glass of cold water, water not alcohol, without stopping will help.

An ice bag over the diaphragm may do the trick but it is a nuisance and no better than any of the other methods. Chewing and swallowing a crust of hard bread may break the pattern. A few deep breaths, holding each as long as possible, is another excellent way to interrupt the spasm.

Hypnosis has been used with great success in patients who have been debilitated by protracted bouts of hiccuping. Very recently an excellent method was discovered. A thin rubber tube is painlessly passed through the nose and into the throat and left there for a short while. Those physicians who have tried this procedure are very enthusiastic, especially in those cases where all other methods have been unsuccessful.

A hiccup or hiccough is a sudden spasm of the diaphragm which is responsible for the not too socially acceptable noise. A large nerve which runs to the diaphragm is irritated by food, smoke, alcohol, emotional tensions or by just plain nothing. There are some severe illnesses which are associated with persistent hiccup. It is surprising how fatiguing hiccups can be, especially when they disturb rest or sleep.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH** — The American Medical Association has a meditation on which can be engraved a person's chronic ailment like diabetes or epilepsy just in case of an emergency.

# JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 975  
♥ J9  
♦ KQ943  
♣ K62

**WEST**

♠ QJ8  
♥ AK853  
♦ 72  
♣ A84

**EAST**

♠ 2  
♥ Q10762  
♦ 86  
♣ Q1093

**SOUTH**

♠ AK10643  
♥ 4  
♦ A105  
♣ J75

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠		

It did not matter when West elected to ruff; the only other trick for his side was the ace of clubs.

At the one table where South was held to nine tricks, East showed considerable foresight by playing the deuce of hearts on the opening lead of the king. East reasoned that West must have at least five hearts for his overall, which meant that South could have at most a singleton. A heart continuation would therefore be futile.

The play of the deuce requested West to stop playing hearts. In view of dummy's diamond holding, it became obvious to West that East was directing a club shift.

Accordingly, West led the ace of clubs, and when East signaled with the ten, continued with a club. Declarer went up with the king and drew two rounds of trumps.

South then led the A-K-Q of diamonds, hoping to discard his jack of clubs on the fourth round of diamonds, but West ruffed the third diamond and led back a club to defeat four spades one trick.

The hand shows how vital it is for the defenders to work together as a team. East pointed the defense in the right direction with his play of the deuce of hearts, and West showed his faith in partner by switching to a club and leading clubs twice thereafter without ever attempting to cash the ace of hearts.

# BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

Reporting to Army headquarters for his physical, a draftee discovered happily that the examining doctor was none other than his old family physician. At the end of the most cursory check-up, however, the doctor decided, "You're OK for active service. Your asthma has improved miraculously." "That's some switch," beamed the draftee. "When you were sticking me fifteen bucks a visit you always found it very much worse!"



on a whiskey and sofa. But you could talk me into a gin and platoon."

Mrs. Grumbach failed to understand why all those broad-chested ladies had managed to stop traffic in the Wall Street sector. "What's so special about a dame who measures 43-25-37?" she grumbled to her husband. "I've got the same measurements myself." "You have indeed," agreed Mr. Grumbach cautiously, "but not in the order, my dear."



## NEW BH SCHOOL CHIEF STUDYING DISTRICT



DR. MARK E. LEWIS

### His Yule Holiday To Be Busy

Dr. Lewis Vows He'll Not Make Snap Decisions

By JIM SHANAHAN  
BH City Editor

Benton Harbor's new superintendent of schools vows to see all sides of a problem before making administrative decisions that affect the destiny of the school district.

Dr. Mark E. Lewis said he recognizes this district has many problems, but it's not atypical when compared to others of similar size.

Dr. Lewis took over the post Monday. He admitted it's a difficult job to come in at midyear as superintendent of a district with 12,000 students.

#### BUSY HOLIDAY

He noted one advantage: "Schools will close for Christmas vacation Friday and I intend to spend the time studying the district."

Then there will be meetings with faculty, citizens and the board of education to determine the philosophy and objectives of the Benton Harbor school system.

He noted it's impossible to expect immediate changes in some areas. This year's budget has already been established on what is considered a taut basis.

As for a building program, Dr. Lewis understands there is need for construction of secondary buildings, but "the district must decide what pattern it wants for a coordinated, articulated system before attempting to sell a plan to the public."

He promised that recommendations to the board of education on policy matters deeply affecting any segment of the district will be made only after a thorough airing.

"The problem must be identified, then there should be a public discussion before action is taken."

Dr. Lewis came to Benton Harbor from Salinas, Calif., where he was assistant superintendent of a secondary district with 8,100 students in grades seven through 12. His doctorate in education was acquired at prestigious Stanford university. His main experience with minority groups has been with Indians while teaching in Nevada and with Mexicans at Salinas. Mexicans comprised 31 to 40 per cent of the Salinas enrollment, similar to the percentage of blacks in the Benton Harbor district.

#### MOTIVATION CRUCIAL

He sees motivation as one of the most crucial matters in education and knows from personal experience that a different set of circumstances can motivate each individual.

"I was a sixth grade dropout," said Dr. Lewis. "My parents were dead and no one seemed concerned about my education."

The dropout period was only two weeks — more like a long game of hooky — but it could have been longer. "If I hadn't seen a movie that somehow triggered a desire on my part for education."

After graduation from high school in 1943 in Arkansas, Dr. Lewis joined the Marines. World War II duty took him to Okinawa and Japan as a corporal.

He said he wasn't too sure about going to college after service, but found encouragement while in the Marines. The counsel of two officers convinced him to get all the education possible.

Dr. Lewis and his wife, Marie, are the parents of two sons, John Mark, 16, and Matthew, 10. Their residence is 1118 Colfax avenue.

Dr. Lewis' salary is at the rate of \$26,500 annually here.

### Golden Agers Party Thursday

The Pioneer Golden Agers Christmas party will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 91 Hinkley street in Benton Harbor, according to commanding officer Major Walt Winters.

The Golden Agers is a non-denominational group composed of persons over 60. Further information can be obtained by calling the Salvation Army office at 925-2232.



**GETS THE BIRD:** John Breinling has to learn to talk turkey to converse with his newest acquisition, the gobbler held by News-Palladium Circulation Manager Charles Bowie. Breinling won the bird yesterday during luncheon at Berrien Hills Country club where Exchange club members were guests of Publisher W. J. Banyon. Helping restrain turkey is Ted Wisneski, center, of circulation department. Exchangeites will hit streets Friday for annual Good Fellow Newsie sale. (Staff photo)

## Housing Project Gets Benton Trustees' Okay

### Density Increase Approved

The Berrien County Council of Churches last night got final acceptance from the Benton township board of trustees to increase the density from six to eight units per acre for their Homes for Berrien County Families, Inc.

The vote was a close 4-3. Supervisor Ray A. Wilder was called on to ballot when trustees voted a 3-3 tie.

Trustees who voted against the density increase said they

were not against the housing. Their opposition was based on a federal requirement that the density be increased so an additional \$45,000 could be raised to pay for off-site development costs.

The Federal Housing Administration has earmarked \$1,270,000 for the first phase of the 160-unit housing project at Crystal avenue and Merimac road, but they required the non profit corporation to pay the \$45,000 needed for off-site costs.

The FHA said this could be done by increasing the density from six to eight families per acre to bring more revenue into the project. It was the township's requirement that the non-profit corporation pay for off-site costs of sewage, drainage and water connections to the project.

Wilder said he was not concerned about the density increase, but he voted for it because of the guidance program plans included in the project. Plans include resident counseling on home management and income budgeting.

The Rev. Ellis Hull, Walter Slowik and George Romeo favored the density increase. Chester L. Jolley, Jr., Treasurer James J. Culby and Clerk Ralph Dahn opposed it.

Winning the approval of the township board now means the non profit corporation can apply for the money the FHA had earmarked until Dec. 31. The money is for the first 70 units.

Once the corporation begins on the first 70 units, it will qualify for additional funds for the second phase of 90 units,

according to Atty. Carroll Williams, counsel for the project.

In other business last night, the board:

- Appointed John R. Eichelberger of 1930 Union street to the planning commission. Eichelberger is service manager of Gast Manufacturing Co. He has been with Gast for about 20 years, and in his present position.

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### Mrs. Mikel Gets New C Of C Post



MRS. MARIE MIKEL

Mrs. Marie Mikel has been named to the newly-created position of director of communications for the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Roger Curry, executive vice president. Mrs. Mikel will be responsible for editing the chamber's monthly bulletin, "Actionline" and all new releases and photographs.

In addition she will be acting manager of the St. Joseph Business division, one of the retail divisions of the chamber, until the conclusion of the Blossomtime Festival next year.

At that time the new manager of Blossomtime will resume the duties of managing this division. The former manager, George Maribail, has left the area to become manager of the Streator, Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

Curry said he has had numerous interviews with interested persons. Applications may still be filed at the chamber office.

### Benton Supervisor Appoints 2

They Will Help Plan Program For Model Cities

Benton township Supervisor Ray A. Wilder last night appointed the first two persons to the community progress commission (CPC) that will prepare a program for the Model Cities area.

The appointees are George A. Welch, Jr., who was in attendance in preparing the application for Model Cities planning funds, and Mrs. Frank (Julia) Barnes, a resident of the Model Cities area, who believes "people are my business."

#### FOUR ON PANEL

The appointments bring the membership to four. The membership includes the mayor of Benton Harbor and the supervisor of Benton township. Two additional members also be appointed by Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith. The model cities application calls for a total of nine on the CPC.

The three remaining members of the CPC will be representatives of a steering council of 19 members, according to the application. Two of the three must be selected from steering committee members who are elected by residents of the Model Cities area.

Welch is manager of community improvement for Whirlpool corporation, chairman of the Benton township planning commission and a member of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB). He was co-chairman of CRAB until its reorganization.

He has been working with the Model Cities program in this area since the early part of 1967, when Benton Harbor and Benton township decided to act together to apply for federal funds for a Model Cities area.

Welch, as chairman of the township planning commission, is acquainted with the township's problems, and paved the way for the acceptance of a Model Cities program during the early stages by acquainting the public with the benefits the program would give.

Mrs. Barnes, who lives at 143 Urbandale avenue in Benton township, is the mother of two children. She has assisted the Benton Harbor school system in the past by acting as a bus driver and school traffic guard.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

She has taught Sunday school and mission classes at Peter's Rock Baptist church of which she was church clerk. She has directed choir, and has acted as secretary of a nine-church Baptist fellowship in Southwestern Michigan.

Mrs. Barnes is also neighborhood agent for the middle cities program at Bard school. Her husband is the Rev. Frank Barnes, pastor of the Peter's Rock Baptist church.

The Housing and Urban Development department approved a \$93,000 grant last month to develop a Model Cities plan for 1,236 acres east of the central Benton Harbor business district. The area includes a population of 8,000.

Boundaries are the Paw Paw river and Twin Cities airport on the north, Britain avenue on the south, Euclid avenue on the east and Paw Paw avenue and the Penn Central right-of-way on the west.

### Services Canceled By Church

Raymond St. Pierre, minister to the Benton Harbor congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, has announced that all local meetings will be cancelled Dec. 20 through 22 during a circuit assembly in South Bend, Ind.

The meeting on Friday will be held at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday sessions will begin at 9 a.m. at Jackson high school, 5001 South Miami street, South Bend.

"The Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York has arranged the convention for the purpose of training 1400 Jehovah's Witnesses in this area to perform their ministry more efficiently," St. Pierre said.

M. L. Holien, district supervisor for Jehovah's Witnesses from New York, will address the assembly Sunday at 3 p.m.



GEORGE WELCH



MRS. FRANK BARNES

### ST. JOSEPH Outsiders Are Arrested At Pep Rally

Three youths were arrested at St. Joseph high school yesterday on charges of being disorderly persons during a student pep rally. None of the three was a student, St. Joseph police reported.

Marine Private Mark Alvear, 17, of Mishawaka, Ind., pleaded guilty to the charge in arraignment yesterday before St. Joseph Municipal Judge Maurice A. Weber. Alvear was given until 5:45 p.m. yesterday to leave town or face a 30-day jail sentence. He paid a \$14.30 fine and cost.

Ronald A. Berndt, 20, of 490 West Glenford road, St. Joseph, was to be arraigned this morning on the same charge. The third person was a 16-year-old teenager from rural St. Joseph and was referred to Berrien juvenile court.

The three were detained after assistant Principal Jon N. Schuster found one of them smoking a cigarette in the gymnasium. Schuster told police several students brought the juvenile to his office when the boy attempted to escape.

#### AWARD FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson received Tuesday the first honor award of the postal service. The award credits the Johnson administration with creating better conditions for the postal employees and providing better mail service.

### Judge Sets \$115,333 Settlement

A 47-year-old Whirlpool Corp. mechanical engineer and his wife of LaPorte, Ind., were awarded \$115,333.47 Tuesday in Berrien Circuit court for injuries he received in a car-truck crash near New Buffalo nearly two years ago.

Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns, wrapping up a five-day civil non-jury trial, awarded \$98,375.97 to George E. Scott and \$16,957.50 to Scott's wife, Kathleen, for various past and future losses to Scott since his sports car collided with a jackknifed semi-truck trailer on I-94 near New Buffalo on Dec. 18, 1966.

Scott, a former Stevensville resident and still a Whirlpool employee at LaPorte, suffered injuries of the legs and face and probably will need continued medical care and some hospitalization in the future, Judge Byrns said.

Scott was injured when his car collided on I-94 with a truck owned by Great Lakes Express Co. of Chicago and operated by an employee, Oris Cushman of Chicago.

The express company was defendant.

Counsel for the Scotts were George Keller of St. Joseph and Chalmers Ackerman of Three Oaks. Counsel for the defendant were Dalton and Dale Seymour of Benton Harbor.

Also awarded by Judge Byrns was \$1,667.66 to the St. Paul Mercury Insurance Co. of Grand Rapids to cover the loss of Scott's car.

## Seek Compromise In Water Pact

### Sliding Scale Proposed By Engineers

Engineers considered a possible compromise in the guaranteed water provision of the St. Joseph city-Lake Michigan Shoreline Water authority yesterday.

A graduating scale of water income to the city of St. Joseph to pay costs of engineering and a bond issue for plant expansion was debated by engineers representing the city and the authority.

Engineer Roy Peterson for Consoer, Townsend and Associates agreed to set up a series of figures on the sliding scale and submit them to City Manager Leland L. Hill for St. Joseph.

Engineer Roy Smit of Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May, representing the authority which is composed of St. Joseph and Lincoln townships and Stevensville and Shoreham, said the authority is limited at the outset because it is virtually starting from scratch.

The condition sought by the city is for the authority to guarantee to buy 1.75 million gallons of water daily, even if that much is not consumed at the start.

#### STARTS LATE

Hill was called away after the meeting got underway an hour late. As chief negotiator for the city the talks continued on possible compromises that could be submitted to the city and authority representatives.

City Attorney Arthur G. Preston said the city wants to eliminate any possibility it will have to stand any expense for plant expansion. St. Joseph Township Attorney John Crow, who also represents the author-

#### CABBIE SAYS

### Hits Tree In Midst Of Robbery

Benton Harbor police were investigating the report by a Twin City Cab driver who said his cab crashed into a tree last night while a passenger in the back seat attempted to rob him.

Dominic Posco, 25, of 861 East Vineyard street, said the fare held a knife to his throat causing him to lose control of the cab which struck a tree at High and Ross streets. The fare jumped from the cab without completing the alleged robbery. The cab was damaged severely, police said.

### SJ Bank Names New Director



AMIL G. MASHKE

Amil G. Mashke, 56, president and treasurer of City Plumbing Co., has been elected to the board of directors of the Peoples State bank of St. Joseph, bank president John S. Stubblefield, announced today.

Mashke succeeds Julius Reinking whose retirement as a member of the board of directors was effective Dec. 12.

Reinking's retirement as an officer of the bank will be at the end of the year. He will receive full benefit of the bank's pension plan.

A native of Benton Harbor, Mashke started with City Plumbing when he was 16 years old. He worked his way up until he became its president. He has been active in business affairs, serving in both the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce and its successor, the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the building code board for the city of St. Joseph that wrote the city's uniform building code.

### Man Turns Himself In As Killer

A Chicago man visiting friends in Sodus turned himself in to the Berrien county sheriff's department yesterday to face a murder charge.

John P. Duke, 49, of 4721 North Winthrop street, Chicago, told officers he will waive extradition to Illinois to face a murder charge for the fatal shooting Sunday of his wife Kathrine.

Deputy David Hanner said the man walked into the sheriff's department and asked if there were a warrant for his arrest. The man said he believed his wife had been killed. Hanner checked with Chicago police and found there was a warrant for Duke's arrest.

### Berrien Gets Dab Of Snow

The only reported snowfall in a four county area of southwestern Michigan this morning was in southern Berrien county, where about an inch fell within an hour between Niles and Berrien Springs.

State police at the Niles post said US 31 became hazardous along this stretch as the snow fell between 6 and 7 a.m. By 7:40 a.m., police said, the snow was melting and salt trucks had covered the route.

### Boy, 10, Injured By Hit-Run Auto

### Alleged Driver Arrested On Two Charges

Walter Maddron, 10, of 2398 Butler drive, Benton Heights, was struck by a hit-and-run car last night and was reported in poor condition this morning in the intensive care unit at Mercy hospital.

Earl S. Hines, 33, of 2481 Lawrence drive, Benton Heights, was arrested later on a charge of leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and drunk and disorderly.

The arrest was made after the accident, when Wesley Barnes, 20, of 220 South Crystal avenue, saw the car leave the scene of the accident and followed to obtain the license number.

The accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. last night at Wells avenue and Tower drive in Benton Heights. Walter was walking along the road with his sister when he was struck by a car.

Hines was arrested in Benton Harbor by Benton Harbor Det. Harry Lenardson, after an area broadcast of the license number and description of the car was given to local police units.

Walter was admitted to the hospital with head and body injuries. He is the son of Mrs. Wilma Maddron.

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## VAN BUREN COUNTY CLERK REX MARTIN DIES

### SMC Will Save On New Units

Pre-Engineered Construction For Two Buildings

DOWAGIAC — Dr. Fred T. Mathews, president of the board of trustees at Southwestern Michigan college, told board members last night the college could save one-quarter of a million dollars by using a pre-engineered specialized construction for two new buildings planned for the college campus.

Dr. Mathews told the board he and the college administration have been investigating the possibility of the specialized construction rather than the conventional construction for which bids are submitted. He said they were investigating the other construction because the cost of conventional construction has risen so much in the past two years and would exceed the amounts budgeted for the buildings. He said the cost of conventional construction would also exceed the amount of money available from both the state and local sources.

**NEW BUILDINGS**  
The two new buildings will be a classroom building for which \$280,000 has been budgeted and a health education, social sciences and general purposes building for \$407,000.

Dr. Mathews said the board hopes to sign a contract with one of the firms who specialize in the pre-engineered buildings within the next month to six weeks.

In other business, the board authorized a supplement to the policy adopted by the board on Dec. 2 regarding student organizations on campus. On Dec. 2, the board adopted a policy giving the board complete control over campus organizations. The action and a following resolution allowed the newly-formed Students for a Democratic Society chapter to remain on the SMC campus but hinged the approval on immediate action against any student engaged in disruptive practices.

Last night the board in a prepared statement said, "The board of trustees at Southwestern Michigan college strongly believes that our students are conscientious, serious-minded and responsible students who are here to get an education. We also believe that these students as well as the taxpayers supporting this college want and expect this board of trustees to adopt policies to assure the continued orderly education process at Southwestern Michigan college."

The supplement outlines the procedure to be followed in the event the policy has to be enforced and the procedures to guarantee that the violator's rights for "due process" are observed. Board members added, "the unrest nationally in institutions of higher education make it prudent that this board adopt clear cut policies and procedures on this matter."

**PROCEDURES SET**  
The procedures to be followed include the president of the college or ranking administrator to obtain the names of those engaged in a disruptive activity and order them to cease. If the order is not obeyed the proper law enforcement officials are to be called in to execute the order.

The board of trustees is to be notified and will convene as soon as possible to hear the report on each violator along with the administrative recommendation for disciplinary action, including suspension or permanent expulsion from the college. If disciplinary action should be considered, a hearing date will be set with the accused notified in writing and his right to legal counsel.

During any such disturbance a state of emergency shall be declared on campus and the college president shall sign a trespass warrant against any unauthorized person on campus. The board also said the proper authorities shall be requested to prosecute for any crimes committed on the college grounds.

### Divorce Granted

LONDON (AP) — Swedish actress Britt Ekland was granted an uncontested divorce from British comedian Peter Sellers today on grounds of cruelty.

### JACKIE IN VISIT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jacqueline Onassis visited Ethel Kennedy in the hospital and went to the grave of her late husband, President John F. Kennedy, Tuesday.

### Lutherans Buy High School Site

No Date Set For Building On Royalton Land

The newly-formed Southwestern Michigan Lutheran High School association has purchased 50 acres in Royalton township with the intentions of using it as a high school site.

The tract is located on Marquette Woods road between Hollywood and Scottdale roads, five miles south of St. Joseph.

Lutheran churches of the Wisconsin synod in this area formed the association this year for the purpose of promoting a Lutheran high school in the Twin City area.

**NO TIMETABLE YET**  
Virgil Raasch, principal of St. Matthew's elementary school in Benton Harbor, said the association has not established a timetable and has no working construction plans.

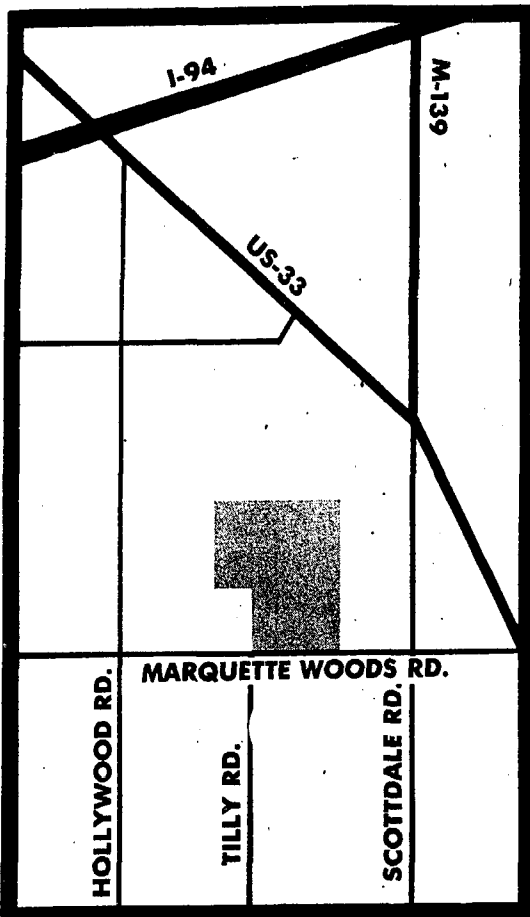
Association membership is drawn from the following churches in this area: St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor; Good Shepherd, Fairplain; St. Paul, Stevensville; Grace, St. Joseph; St. Paul Sodas; Grace, Eau Claire, and St. Paul, South Haven, most of which operate elementary schools.

Memberships also are held in churches at Bangor, Hartford, Sturgis, Dowagiac, Otsego, Muskegon, Allegan, Wyoming, and Battle Creek. Some Lutheran high schools accept students on a boarding basis.

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
Officers on the association board of regents are Pastor Henry T. Peter, chairman; Blair Schlender, vice chairman; Pastor Kermit W. Biedenbinder, secretary, and Kenneth Schultz, treasurer, all of the Twin Cities.

Other members of the board are Vern Harsch, South Haven; Wayne Merritt, St. Joseph; Robert Rogien, Eau Claire; D. H. Simmerman and Don DeFord, Stevensville; Emil Meyer, Leonard Siewert and Virgil Raasch, Benton Harbor. Members of the site committee are Pastor Ronald Freier, chairman; William Kuschel and Herbert Reimers of Grace, St. Joseph, and John Breinling of St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor.

Purchase price of the land was reported as \$45,000.



**PROPOSED SCHOOL SITE:** "L" shaped 50-acre parcel in Royalton township, south of the Twin Cities, has been purchased by the Southwestern Michigan Lutheran High School association as the location for a proposed high school.

tee are Pastor Ronald Freier, chairman; William Kuschel and Herbert Reimers of Grace, St. Joseph, and John Breinling of St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor.

### Had Held Position Since 1940

Lifelong Resident Of Paw Paw Area

PAW PAW — Rex S. Martin who had served as clerk of Van Buren county for 28 years, died yesterday at University hospital, Ann Arbor, where he had been a patient for about a month. He was 76.

Mr. Martin had been ill since a few days after supervising the Nov. 5 election in which he was elected to his 15th term as county clerk. He was hospitalized first at Lake View Community hospital here and later taken to University hospital, where his illness was diagnosed as cancer.

**SERVICES FRIDAY**  
Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Paw Paw First Presbyterian church with the Rev. John Coppie, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Wilder cemetery, Paw Paw, with graveside rites conducted by Rising Sun Masonic lodge of Lawrence.

The courthouse will be closed Friday afternoon to permit county officials and employees to attend the services.

Friends may call at the Thompson funeral home, Paw Paw, after 7 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Martin was the second prominent Paw Paw resident to die within two days. Grant Root, village police chief, died unexpectedly Monday night.

Mr. Martin's wife, Irene, Lawrence school teacher for 41 years before she retired in 1958, died in April of this year.

He is survived by two sons, Harry of Paw Paw, and William R. Martin, North Ridge, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Olin (Genevieve) Kelly, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; six grandchildren, one great grandchild; two brothers, Robert Martin, Reynolds lake, Lawrence, and Dr. Wayne Martin, of Okemos, Mich., and two sisters, Mrs. Rex (Rita) Jennings, Lawrence, and Mrs. Ruth Cole of Kalamazoo.

A lifelong resident of the Paw Paw area, he had resided on the family farm on 45th street in Paw Paw township, for 50 years.

**BORN IN LAWRENCE**  
Born Jan. 11, 1892 in Lawrence, the son of Harry and Eva Sheldon Martin. He was graduated from Lawrence high school and later from the then Michigan State college at East Lansing. He worked in his father's store in Lawrence before moving to the farm.

He was first elected county clerk in 1940 and has been re-elected every two years since then, often leading the county Republican ticket in votes.

He served as a director of his school district for 13 years and for several years was a director of Paw Paw Co-ops. During World War II he served as chairman of the County War Rationing board.

During his tenure as county clerk, a modern bookkeeping system was installed and the process of microfilming older county records was begun.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Paw Paw and the Rising Sun lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lawrence.

### TRIAL POSTPONED

JACKSON (AP) — The obscenity trial of bookstore owner Floyd Bloss of Hastings and an employee has been postponed in Jackson Circuit Court until Jan. 30.



REX S. MARTIN

### Poisonous Beans Are Turned In

NILES — For the second time within a week, yesterday, potentially deadly jequirity beans were brought to the Niles state police post.

Other police departments over Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties reported that they had not received any of the beans, used mainly in jewelry decoration but deadly poisonous if crushed and consumed.

Jequirity beans have been marketed for many years. Attention was drawn to the poisonous aspects recently when Sears Roebuck & Co. recalled several hundred of its jewelry pins containing the reddish-orange beans.

The main concern is for children who might chew and consumed the beans.

Officers at the Niles state police post said an unidentified professional jewelry maker from Indiana brought about 100 of the beans to the post Tuesday and left them there for identity. Police said they were jequirity beans.

Over the past weekend, a Niles family, Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens, turned over about 100 of the same type of beans they had received several years ago from a relative. These beans were reportedly acquired in Florida.

A Michigan State university botanist identified the beans as toxic and native to India. ed to destroy them by burning or flushing down a toilet.

### GOLD PRICE RISES

LONDON (AP) — The price of gold shot up to a six-month peak on European bullion markets today on the basis of speculation that President-elect Nixon's administration may raise the official price for the metal.

## Niles Police Chief To Retire Dec. 31

NILES — Niles Police Chief Herbert Block will retire Dec. 31 from the force he has served since joining as a patrolman more than a quarter century ago.

Block, 56, has taken a new post as bailiff for the new district court here and will begin his duties next Jan. 20.

A successor to the chief's post has not been named yet. Block, it was reported, will receive full pension benefits.

Block has served as chief since 1965. He joined the department in 1942, was promoted to detective in 1950, to sergeant in 1951, to lieutenant in 1953 and

### Berrien Can't Wait That Long

Oversight By Legislature Causes Problem

If state law is followed strictly, the new 21-member Berrien board of supervisors would not meet for its first time until April 8.

But the conduct of county government requires that the new board take over from the old 49-member board much sooner than that, and County Clerk Forrest "Hank" Kesterke said he plans to call the new board into session about January 3.

"I'll just call them, that's all," the clerk said in explaining that by an apparent legislative oversight in the supervisor reorganization act there is no provision for calling the new body into session.

"Last law I saw tells me on the second Tuesday of April I shall call together the board of supervisors." This is a law of many years standing and apparently is the only statute that can be applied, if the law were to be followed strictly.

Several members of the retiring old board suggested they might adopt a resolution directing the county clerk to call the new g overning unit into session on some date in early January.

Whether or not the old board gives him some direction, Kesterke plans an early January call to the 21 men from the newly-created supervisor districts.

He said he expects to administer the office to some who haven't already taken it earlier, "then someone would move to seat them and we'd seat them."

Then, according to Kesterke, the board probably would be polled to see if they want to elect a chairman who could set additional meeting dates.

### Judge Will Address Nurses

SOUTH HAVEN — Atty. William Verdonk, South Haven Municipal judge, will address nursing personnel on "The Legal Aspects of Nursing," on Friday, at 3 p.m.

The program will be presented in the board room of the South Haven Community hospital. All area nurses, both registered and practical, are invited to attend.

## Second South Haven Store Hit By Bandits

By JIM DONAHUE  
South Haven Bureau

**SOUTH HAVEN** — Two armed bandits held up another grocery store on the city's south side last night and got away with about \$90 in cash, city police said.

The robbery was almost identical to the Saturday night hold-up at Foodtown grocery which is still being investigated by police.

Last night's victim was Harry Gottschlich, 46, whose little beer and grocery store is on the corner of Elkburg and Indiana street, on the edge of the industrial park.

Gottschlich told police two Negro men came into his store shortly before 6 p.m. and

ordered a six-pack of beer. He said he got the beer, put it on the counter, and was reaching for some money lying on the counter when one of the men revealed a gun and ordered him to "hit the floor."

**HE'S NOT JOKING**  
"I thought he was joking at first," Gottschlich said. "I said, 'are you serious?' and he said 'damned right I'm serious.' I wasn't really nervous but I knew enough to do what they told me," he added.

Gottschlich said he dropped to the floor on his face behind the counter and listened as the men opened his cash register and then left the store. He said there was no car parked nearby and that the men apparently

fled on foot.

He said it was the first time in the 42 years that his family has operated the business on the corner that it has been robbed at the point of a gun.

### SUSPECTS SIMILAR

Police said they believe the robbery was committed by the same two men that held up Glenn Kidd at Foodtown grocery around 8 p.m. Saturday. They said the men used the same nickel-plated revolver, used an almost identical method of operation, and matched the same general description.

Gottschlich said the men were Negroes, fairly well dressed, one of them dark complected, tall and thin, the other lighter, about average height. Both were described as 28 to 35 years of age.

### ROAD BLOCKS UP

Police said a road block was set up by state police and sheriff's deputies from Benton Harbor north to Holland but that no suspects were stopped. They said they believed the two escaped in a car parked somewhere in the neighborhood of both robberies.

Gottschlich said he works in a predominantly Negro neighborhood and has consequently done business personally with nearly every Negro in South Haven. He said he never saw these men before and believed they were from out of town.

He said he was not harmed by the bandits during the robbery. Kidd was kicked in the head when he failed to lie down on his face and later sprayed in the face with a chemical.

The bandits got away with about \$354 in cash Saturday night.

Gottschlich said he never keeps a lot of money on hand in the store. Like Kidd, Gottschlich said he also keeps a gun in the store, but said he had no intention of trying to shoot it out over \$90.

### Kelley, Seer Will Appear

EAST LANSING (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley will share the stage with self-styled seer Jeane Dixon when some 700 newspaper editors and their wives attend the 191st annual Michigan Press Association Conference Jan. 24-25. Kelley will report on "organized crime in Michigan." Miss Dixon will report on "the future."

## Strike Ends At Nuclear Plant Site

**COVERT** — Workers went back to their jobs this morning at Consumer Power Company's nuclear electric generating plant site in Covert township, following settlement of a jurisdictional dispute of ironworkers and millwrights with the Bechtel Corp., general contractor.

Terms of the settlement were not reported. Millwrights and ironworkers walked off their jobs yesterday morning and the remainder of about 500 unionized employees at the Palisades plant refused to cross picket lines.

It was reported yesterday that the dispute began when 16 workers felt they were not being assigned to jobs they had been contracted to do.

## Quick Work Snuffs Fire

**SAWYER** — Employees of the Sawyer Truck Plaza, just off I-94 here extinguished a minor gasoline blaze Tuesday, averting what could have been a major fire.

Truck stop officials said the incident occurred about 10:45 a.m. when a truck backed up, struck and broke a gasoline pump. Some of the gasoline spilled out and ignited, but the blaze had been put out before firemen could arrive. There were no injuries, officials said.

The business serves as a refueling stop for trucks and also provides restaurant facilities.

## State Will Open Bids Jan. 8 On M-139 Job

Bids will be opened Jan. 8 and construction work will start within 10 days after that on the widening of M-139 to five-lanes from the I-94 interchange north to near the Benton Harbor city limits.

The bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. that day in the Michigan State Highway department auditorium in Lansing.

Specifications call for the heavily-traveled two-lane pavement to be widened to five lanes for a distance of nearly

two miles, from I-94 northward and including the bridge over Ox creek ravine, just north of Pipestone road. The bridge structure, presently accommodating four lanes, will be widened.

The bids will also include 1.03 miles of grading and drainage structure and paving to widen the approaches of Pipestone road, Napier avenue and Nickerson avenue to the state trunkline.

M-139 is heavily traveled

because of the popular Fairplain Plaza shopping center and because the stretch of road serves as a feeder between Benton Harbor and I-94. Approximately 240 working days will be required for completion.

Charles S. Lundberg, construction engineer for the state highway department, said traffic will be maintained through the construction period by means of temporary pavement and other measures.



HERBERT BLOCK